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Jeffrey A. Hubbell et al.
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Message: The following papers are enclosed:

Reply to Office Communication (7 pages)

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

In reply to the Office Communication mailed on June 15, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS**The Office Communication**

The Office has asked that Applicants provide support for the amendments filed on April 6, 2006 and to explain why the amendments obviate the rejections of record.